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## STATUS LETTER

We would appreciate receiving a Status Report on the above-identified application at the earliest possible date.

A review of our files indicates that the Examiner's Communication dated June 16, 2008 was the last correspondence from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in this application. In the communication the examiner states that the status of the application should now be "awaiting a decision from the Board of Interferences" however, PAIR shows "interference – initial memorandum" as the status with a date of November 7, 2006. The applicant kindly requests a status report.

Respectfully submitted,

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